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SUBJECT: Zynteglo Coverage Under Medicaid Hospital Benefit

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) will be adding coverage of Zynteglo under the Ohio Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) hospital benefit. Zynteglo is a one-time gene therapy to treat beta thalassemia (also known as beta thalassemia major or Cooley's Anemia) in patients who require regular transfusions. More information about Zynteglo can be found here <https://www.zynteglo.com/>.

Claims guidance below explains how coverage of the drug will be handled in the managed care delivery system. Managed care organizations (MCOs) are required to cover, and provide payment for, all medically necessary inpatient or outpatient hospital claims associated with the treatment of these individuals. Regardless of the setting and the payer (FFS or Managed Care), Zynteglo must be prior authorized through FFS. The approved prior authorization will be shared with the appropriate MCO for care management purposes. A copy of the request form will be shared with the MCOs at a later date.

Outpatient Hospital Setting

- The hospital submits all services, except for Zynteglo, provided on the date of service on an outpatient claim to the MCO.
- The hospital submits a fee-for-service outpatient claim for Zynteglo and only bill for drug acquisition charges on revenue code 631 with C9399 and Zynteglo product specific NDC.

Inpatient Hospital Setting

- The hospital submits an inpatient claim for the admission, except for Zynteglo, to the MCO.
- The hospital submits a fee-for-service outpatient claim for Zynteglo and only bill for drug acquisition charges on revenue code 631 with C9399 and Zynteglo product specific NDC.

ODM coverage of Zynteglo is effective for dates of service on or after August 17, 2022 – the date of the Federal Drug Administration approval.